



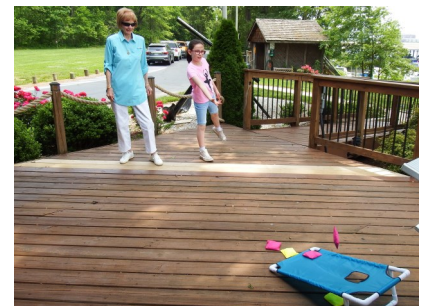
Online Basic Boating Safety ABC Class

Registration Deadline is September 13 To sign up, see page 5



NVSPS Annual Spring Picnic Highlights

Back in May, members of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron gathered for the Spring Picnic and membership meeting held at the Fairfax Yacht Club in Mason Neck, Virginia. Everyone was excited to be in the same physical space since pandemic restrictions were lifted. Commander Patrick Sowers conducted the general membership meeting. Prior meetings were held online using Zoom, so being together at the picnic was a refreshing change. Food, drinks and fun were had by all in attendance. *(Photos below courtesy of P/C Alan Hart, AP)*



Save The Date!

Oktoberfest — Saturday, October 16, 2021

Fairfax Yacht Club



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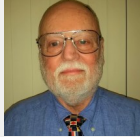
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Meeting Info: If you do not receive an email notice about meetings, please contact a bridge officer to confirm in-person meeting will be held before heading out.

General Membership Mtgs are normally at Alexandria Police HQ Community Rm, 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304, 7:30 pm, until further notice, are:

- on the **2nd Tues of each month** except no mtgs in Aug. and Dec.
- The May and Oct. mtgs are combined with other events on different days., normally Spring Picnic and Fall Picnic on Saturdays.

Executive Committee Mtgs, 7 pm: by Conference call or new location. Contact Executive Officer for conference call number and codes or location. Normally 4th Wed. of each month. There are speaking procedures for these meetings to be sure business has time to be discussed. Just ask about them.

Zoom Meetings: Login info for mtgs via Zoom or other mtg software will be distributed by email and available from Bridge Officers.

Please see previous issues online. If you do not have internet access, ask the editor to mail you a copy. For more information about anything in this newsletter, contact editor@nvsp.org

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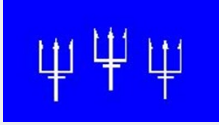
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Message from the Commander



Mid July 2021

Ahoy, Me Hearties!

As you can see from the photo, Commander Sowers is hitting the high seas for adventure in this luxurious vessel. The USS Lego is in port at Legoland Florida where I had the pleasure of putting her through her paces on the not-so-wide open ocean.



All kidding aside, get out and find an opportunity to get on the water this summer. Share your love of boating with someone, and promote safe boating through education. This year (2021) is seeing our world getting back to normal and that means more people out and about with which to interact.

Be safe and enjoy life!

See you soon,

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America's Boating Club 2021 Governing Board

The 2021 Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, NC on August 29 through September 5. For more information regarding the planned activities, meetings, seminars, and sessions, please visit the National Meetings Website at <https://www.usps.org>. Choose from a variety of tours, special events, and outdoor activities that showcase the best Raleigh has to offer.



July Birthdays

Samuel Barr 01
Edward Jones 03
Michael D. O'Dell 11
Douglas E. Layne 24

August Birthdays

Fred Zugay 04
Mary Jane Dodson 23
Denise L. Robinson 23



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Message from the Education Officer

Online "America's Boating Course"
September 14, 16, 18, 19, 2021

Presented by Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron

Instructor Lt/C Dean Markussen, AP

America's Boating Course, or ABC-3, is the 8-hour introduction to boating for starting or continuing one's recreational boating education. The course has a proctored final exam and provides a state and nationally recognized safe boating certificate. While the subject matter is presented online, we will need to meet for the proctored exam. The Washington Sailing Marina near Reagan National Airport has plenty of outdoor seating for the exam and offers a great opportunity to look at different types of boats to apply newly acquired knowledge.

Topics include:

- ◆ ·Types of Boats and Their Uses
- ◆ ·Boating Laws, Both Federal and State
- ◆ ·Safety Equipment, Both Required and Recommended
- ◆ ·Buoys and Aids to Navigation
- ◆ ·Rules of the Road
- ◆ ·Proper Maritime Communications Procedures
- ◆ ·Trailing and Water Sports Topics

ONLINE via Zoom, \$50.00 includes workbook

Sept 14 Tue 1800-2000

Sept 16 Thu 1800-2000

Sept 18 Sat 1000-1200

Sept 19 Sun 1000-1200 In Person Review and Proctored Exam at Washington Sailing Marina (Alexandria, VA)

Registration Deadline: September 13, 2021

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Evelyn & Gale Alls

August 23rd





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**General Membership Meeting—September 14, 2021
Location Information To Be Provided Via Email**

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